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MEMORANDUM

TO: Glenn Brown, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Eric Ploeger, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation 

DATE: July 9, 2001.

SUBJECT: Veterans Park and Athletic Complex Facility Names.

On May 7, 2001, a subcommittee composed of individuals from both the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Veterans Memorial Committee met to develop proposed names for the facilities for development in Veterans Park and Athletic Complex. This group included John Nichols, John Crompton, Steve Beachy, Eric Ploeger, Craig Carter, P. David Romei, Lynn Stuart, Travis H. Small, and Jim Bradford.

Since the Veterans Memorial to be located in the park will be inclusive of all veterans and not a specific campaign, careful consideration was given to not select names that are connected to a specific war or battle. Names of individuals were not considered because the list of past American War heroes is long and it would be difficult to narrow the choices. The names also needed to be easily recognizable and useable on a daily basis by park patrons and yet have symbolic meaning.

The main road through the park that connects both Highway 30 and Highway 60 will be named ***Veterans Parkway***. In honor of the branches of military service, the six (6) soccer fields located on the southern portion of the park will be named in order of establishment ***Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and Air Force***. The remaining seven (7) soccer fields at the north end of the park were given historic names used for members of the Armed Services throughout history. These fields will be named ***Soldier, Sailor, Patriot, Airman, Ranger, Minuteman, and Medic***.

The individual softball complexes were named as were each separate field. The five-field complex was named ***Old Glory***, after the flag of the United States. The five (5) fields individually were named using words that describe meaningful attributes of members of the Armed Services. These fields were named ***Honor, Courage, Loyalty, Duty, and Service***. The four-field softball complex was named the ***Eagle Complex***. The four (4)

individual fields were named *Democracy, Freedom, Liberty, and Peace*. These are important components of our society that the Armed Forces protect.

The two (2) pavilions proposed in the park were named the *American Pavilion* and the *Texas Pavilion*.

Efforts to name these facilities have followed the City of College Station's Policy for Naming Parks and Recreation Facilities. The Veterans Memorial Committee endorsed the names on May 14, 2001 and on June 12, 2001, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted to recommend the names to the City Council.